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The kynge our soueraygne lord Hen-
rye the viii. after the conquest, by the
grace of God king of England and of
fraunce and lord of Irelande, at his
parlyamente holden at London, the
xv. day of April in the xiii. yeare of his
moste noble reygne: and from thence adiourned to
Westminster the last day of July the xv. yeare of his
sayde reigne, and there holden to the honour of Al-
mightye God and of holye Church, and for the
wealthe and profytte of thys hys Realme, by the as-
sent of the lordys spiritual and temporall, & the com-
mons in thys presente parliament assembled, &
by aucthorite of the same, hath, doo, to be
ordeined, made, & enacted, certaine
statutes and ordynaunces in
maner and fourme
folowing.

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Et as much as marchaunt straungers. studiyng and ymagining the policies, wayes and meanes sette a worke the people inhabited in foireine countreis and regions, with a by y. commodities of this realme, and to bring the kynges naturall subiectes from occupation to idlenes, do dayly conueigh, transporte and cary out of this realme of Englande (for theyr owne singular lucre) a greate numbze of brode whyte wollē clothes, to be coloured died and wrought in diuers and sondye partes beyond the sea: to the greate encrease comfote profit and aduauntage of the people inhabited in the saide outwarde and fozen regions, and to y bitter ruine decay, impouerishyng, and vndoing of a greate numbze of the kynges owne naturall subiectes. And for the effectuell furtherance of the sayd euell ententes and purposes in the premises the said marchant strangers, as well by colour of enhansyng of price of the sayde clothes for longe dayes of payment as by fayre promisses and subtil adulatorys haue heretofore gottē and regrated into their handes an innumerable numbze of the sayd clothes vpon their credence, amouing vnto great summes of money farre exceeding theire owne valours a substance which sommes of money many and oftentimes they haue not paied according to their appointmētes, whereby the makers of the said clothes, subtilly cōpassed by and with their faire and flattering promisses, haue sustayned importable losses, to the greate impoueryshyng of this the kynges owne realme, and to the enriching of the regions and countreis of foireine princes.

For remedye wherof be it enacted by y. kinge our soueraigne lord and the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from the feast of saynt Myghell the archangell next comming no persō or persons, inhabited with in this realme, of what estate, degree or condicion so euer he be of, shall sell or deliuer, or cause to be solde or deliuered within this realme, by contracte couenaunt bargaine gylte or any of them, or other wyse to any marchaunt or marchautes straungers, being bozne in any of the parties beyond y. sea or els where, out of the kynges obeisance, or to any of his or their factoures deputies, or attourneis, straungers, or Englyshmen, to the vse of the sayde marchant or marchantes straungers any maner of brode whyte wollen clothes, made or hereafter to be made within this realme of Englande, vpon paine to forsaite. xl. s. for every clothe solde or deliuered after the sayd feast of saynte Myghell, contrary to the effect and forme of this present acte, the one halfe of euery such forfayture to be to the vse of our soueraygne lord y. kyng & the other halfetherof to be to the persone or persons other than the offender that will firste sue for the same, by originall of debte bill, playnte or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes, after the vsuall course of the

lawes and customes of the realme: In which sute or actiō the defendaunt or defendantes shall not be admitted to wage their law, ne any Essoyne, licence or protection shalbe allowed.

Provided alwaye, that if any person or persons beyng the kinges natural subiectes conueighe and bring, or cause to be conueighed and brought, any brode whyte wollen cloth or clothes to the common market, kept and holden in Blackwelhal within the citie of London, and do not ther coe els where bargaine vtter and sell the sayd cloth or clothes thither brought to or with some Englishe marchante or marchautes within viii. dayes, next after the sayd cloth or clothes shalbe brought and shewed to sell in the sayd market: That than it shalbe lesfull to any suche person or persons immediately after the sayde viii. dayes, and not before, to contracte, bargaine vtter sell and deliuer his or their sayde cloth, or clothes, so brought and shewed, at and in the sayd market, as is before sayde, and being vsold, to any and euery marchaunt straunger or straungers, beinge priuiledged and hauing libertie to contract and bie wollen clothes freely and openly within the libertie of y^e sayd citie of London. So that the said marchant or marchautes straungers do pay and deliuer for the sayd cloth or clothes so by hym or them to be bought without couin or male ingia, at and vpon the receit of the sayd cloth or clothes, or within one moneth next ensuyng the sayd sale and deliuerie of the sayd cloth or clothes, or within lesse tyme, at the will of the seller therof, all such hole and entier sommes of redy money or wares, or redie mony and wares, or any of them, as was agreed & contracted to be had for the sayde clothes, by the sayde sellers or seller of them, without any other or further respite or dayes of paimente to be had, made or agreed, in any behalfe, any thing before contained in this present acte to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Provided also that this present act or any thing therein contayned bee not in any wyse hurtful or preiudicial to any of the kinges subiectes for or concerning the deliuerie of any suche wollen clothes to any marchaunt, or marchautes straungers, by reason of any bargaine or sale made by them or any of them, of the said clothes before the twentieth day of Iuly in the .xx. yere of kynge Henry the. viii. But that the sayde kynges subiectes may freely and quietly deliuer or cause to be deliuered the sayd clothes, so bargained and bought before the said .xx. day of Iuly without any penalty or forfeiture, any thing in this present acte contayned to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And be it enacted by auctority aforesayde, that no person or persons at any tyme hereafter, and before the sayd feast of saynt Michell, bargaine or sell to any marchaunt or marchautes, straungers, any such brode white wollen clothes, to be deliuered vnto the sayd marchaunt or marchautes straungers at any tyme after the same feast of saynte Michell to the entent to defraud the effect & trew meaning of this estatute, vnder the payne before limited and expressed.

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And furthermore be it provided that every of the kinges naturall subiectes, at their liberties and pleasures, may any tyme hereafter sell and deliver for redy money or wares, or for redy money and wares, or any of them to be payed & delivered as is aforesayd to any marchaunt or marchauntes straungers, al maner of brode white wollen clothes made or to be made in Coggishal, Bockyng, Blantre, or any of them, and whyte clothes called Eleinforthes, and all maner of whyte brode wollen clothes with crūpillistes, otherwise called bastardes: so that every of the said whyte wolle clothes, contained in this prouise, contein in length xxvii. yardes at y least or aboue at the water, any thing in this present act contayned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And ouer this be it further provided, ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shall be lesull to every person or persones, beinge the kinges naturall subiectes, to vtter, bargaine, contracte, selle and deliver all maner of whyte brode wollen clothes to any marchaunt or marchauntes straungers, in and at all common faires to be holden and kepte, within any place or places in this realme: And also to all and every marchaunte straunger or straungers, repairing from foireine countries by the sea, to any portes or crekes within this realme with any bittail, or other marchandise, at al tymes from tyme to tyme: So that all such clothes, so or in any other wyse hereafter to be bargained and sold to any marchaunte or marchauntes straungers as is before sayd be alwaies sold and delivered without couin or male ingin for redy money or wares, or for redy money, & wares or any of them, to be payed and delivered at such tyme or tymes, as is before limitted without any other or further respite or dayes of paymente to be had accorded and agreed in any behalfe, any thing in this present act conteneid to the contrarie therof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde that no person or persons, which do sell their wollen clothe or clothes to any citizen and free man of London, without the liberty of the sayde cite and before the sayde cloth or clothes be conueighed and brought within the same cite shall not be compelled by any persō or persones to bringe their sayde cloth or clothes sold in fourme aboue said to the market called Blackwell hal within the sayd citee ne to pay any tolle custome or other imposition for any libertye or ease to be had in the same Halle, for any suche clothe or clothes so solde but may freely at their pleasure, bringe conueigh & deliver their saide clothe or clothes immediately to the house or houses of such citizen and free men, as did bye the same in fourme aforesayde without any lette or disturbance in any behalfe.

And if any clothmaker, or other person be letted or disturbed contrarye to this acte thā the letter or disturber to forfait to the owner of y said cloth or clothes, for every cloth letted or disturbed to the contrary hereof .xii. d. for which forfeiture y said owner shall haue his remedy against y said letter or disturber, by action or plainte of debt in any of the kynges courtes:

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in which action or plaint y Defendant or Defendantes shall not wage their lawe ne any essoine, licence. or protection shall be allowed, this acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

¶ Provided alwaies that this act extende not to northerne whytes commonly named and called dosing, made in y Northe parties of this realme.

An acte concerning straungers artificers for taking of apprentices, iourneimen, and couenant seruantes. C.ii



Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord & the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that no maner of straunger bozne out of the kinges obeisaunce be he denize or not denizen vsing any maner of hādi craft with in this realme, shall take frō hensforth any apprentices except the same apprentices be bozne vnder the kinges obeisaunce, vpon peine to forfait for every apprentice, that he shall take contrary to this acte x.li. the one halfe therof to our soneraigne lord the kinge, the other halfe to him or them that will sue for it, be it by action of dett, byl, plainte, information, or otherwise: in which sute the Defendant shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any essoine, licence, or protection to be allowed.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, and vnder lyke peine to be forfeited and recovered as is aforesayd that no strainger being alien bozn, and vsing any maner of handye craft within this realme, from the feast of al saintes next ensuing, shal in any maner of wise, vse, take, reteine or kepe into his or their seruises any maner of iourneimen or couenaunt seruant aboue the numbze of ii. at one tyme, excepte the same iourneiman or couenaunt seruant be bozne vnder the kinges obeisaunce

And ouer this be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that all maner of persons being aliens bozne, vsing any maner of handye crafte, be they Denizens or not Denizens and inhabited within the cite of London, or suburbes of the same within the towne of westminster, the parish of saynete Marting in the field, the parishe of our lady of the Stronde, saince Clement of Dannes, without temple barr, saint Giles in the field, saint Andrewes in holburne, in the towne & borowgh of Southwarke, Shordiche, whyte Chappell parishe, saint John streete, the parishe of Clerkenwel sainte Bottolphes parishe without Algate, sainte Catherins, Barmondslay streete or within two miles cōpasse of the said citie of Londō, or the parishe aforesaid shalbe vnder the serche & refozmaciō of the wardens and the felowshippes of handy craftes within the sayd citie of Londō with one substancial strainger being an houlholder of the same craft, by the same wardens to be chosen that is to say enery such stranger, occupying any misterie or hādi craft as is aforesayd shalbe vnder the serch & refozmacion of the wardens, and one substanciall straunger, being an houlholder of that craft that thei shal so occupie. And that the wardens of the said citie of every suche handy craft with

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with one straunger or houlholder as is aforesayd of the same craft, haue full power and auctoritie, by this present act to limite & appoynt to euery straunger of the mistery & handy craft that they be of, inhabitinge within the sayde citee, suburges, places or p̄cincte, aboue remembred, a proper marke, without taking any thing therfoze by the which their wares, vessels and workmanshippes that they make, may be knowne. And that the wardens of euery such handy craft, and misterye aforesayde calling to the one straunger of ȳ misterye and occupaciō, that they be of being an houlholder, shal haue full power and auctoritie, to serch view and refovrme, as well witrhin the sayd citee of London. as in all other places & limittes before sayde all maner of wares of workmanshippes, made by any maner of such handy crafte men being aliens bozne, as is before sayde.

¶ And that no straunger bozne out of the kyngs obeisaunce vsinge any of the misteries or occupacions of smithes, soigners, or coupers shal make any maner of wares, or vessels, concerning the same misteries or occupacions, excepte that they and euery of them put to such markes to euery of the same wares & vessels before they shalbe put to sale, or vse as the wardens of their occupacions, craftes, or misteries shal limitt and appoynte, without taking any thing therfore bypon peyne of forfayture the double valure of the same wares and vessels: The one halfe of which forfayture to be to the king our soueraigne lord the other halfe to the party that first will sue for the same by action of dette, bille, plaint or informaciō in which the defendaunt shal not wage his lawe, nor any esloyne shalbe cast, or protection allowed.

And further it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if bypon any such serche or viewe lto be made by ȳ wardens and one straunger of any craft or misterye, before sayd, after the fourme of this estatute, in vessels or wares to be found in the possession of the workers, or owners therof putting the same vessels or wares, to workmanship of any straunger falsely and disceitfully made, to the hurte of the kinges liege people, and so adiudged by the sayd wardens and one straunger: that then such worker or owner, in whose possession the same false and disceitfull wares shalbe found, shal forfeit the same wares, the one halfe therof to ȳ king our soueraigne lord and ȳ other halfe therof to the first finder thereof suing for the same in any of the kinges courtes by action of detinue, in which action ȳ defendant nor defendantes shal not be admitted to wage their lawe nor protection ne esloyne be to them herein allowable.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all wardens and maysters of felowshippes of all and euery such handy craftes within any suche citee, borough or towne corporate within this realme where any suche wardens happen to be, and in suche boroughes and townes corporate, where no wardens of handy crafts are the bayliffes, or ȳ gouernour or gouernours of the same boroughes or townes, so lacking wardens, shal haue lyke power and auctoritie with the bailiff or bailffes of the libertyes
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with them where any such libertie shalbe, being content so to do, to view, serche, and reforme straungers, borne out of the kinges obeisance, inhabitinge and vsinge within any suche cite, borough, or towne, corporate, any maner of handy craft, in as large and ample maner as the sayde wardens and felowshippes of y^e said cite of London may do by vertue of this present acte. And that all straungers vsing any of the sayde handy craftes in any of the said cities boroughes or townes, corporate, be bounden to do and obey in euery thing, according to the tenour of this present acte vpon lyke peines and forfeitures as is aboue remembred, to be had and recouered in fourme aboue reherfed.

Provided also that if y^e wardens of any felowship or mistery before sayd, bayliffes gouernour or gouernours before sayd, wrongfully will entreate any straunger in executinge of this act, or any thinge therein conteyned: that than the straunger so greued, may by auctorite of this acte by byll or informacion, complaine to the lord Chancellor and Tresorer of England, or the Iustices of assise in the countie for the time being, whiche by their examinations shal haue ful power and auctoritie to heare and determine the same complaynt, and award to the partye complainant such remedies, as by their discrecions shal be thought reasonable.

Provided also that it shalbe lawfull for and to euery the said straungers borne out of the kinges obeisance, being a housholder to haue and retaine as well all and euery such straungers borne out of the kinges obeisance, being the time of this parliament with him reteined as a iurneman as to haue and reteine euery suche straunger being borne out of the kinges obeisance being a prentise with him the tyme of this parliament this act notwithstanding. This to endure to the last day of the next parliament.

Provided also that this act extend not to thinhabitauntes straungers that nowe be or hereafter shalbe, in the vniuersityes of Oxforde, or Cambridge or within the sanctuarie of saint Martins le graunde, within the said citee of London.

Provided alwaies, that if the said wardens of the said citee of London, with a straunger, or gouernour or gouernours, of any cite or borough corporate within this realme, refuse to marke the wares of any straunger, after that they be required so to marke that thā it shalbe lawfull to y^e same straunger or straungers, to whom such refusal shalbe made to sel and put to sale his sayd wares, so required to be marked & refused this act notwithstanding. **P**rovided also, that this acte extende not to any other handicrafte, than to the craftes of ioigners, pouchmakers, coupers, and blacke smithes, for or concerning the foresaid article of marking of wares of the said estrangers. Also that it shalbe lawfull to any lord of the parliamente, and euery other of y^e kinges subiectes hauinge landes and tenementes to the yerely value of one, C, poundes, to take & reteine estrangers ioigners and glasiars in theit seruice, from tyme to tyme, to and for the exercysing with them their craftes, this act notwithstanding

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An acte concernyng worstede weauers in Barmouth & Linne. Ca. iiii.

BEcause it is discretely considered in this presente parliament, that the trew making & draping of worsteds, saies, & stamings is one of y^e most profitable occupacions of this realm: And that the same worstedes, saies and stamings truely and substantial-ly made and wrought, bene righte acceptable and commodious marchaundises, as well in this realm of England, as in other foreine regi- ons and countreis, For establisshmente and good order whereof, dyuers good and lawdable estatutes, actes, & ordinaunces, heretofore haue bene made and enacted: and namely in a parliament, holden at westminster the thirde day of June, in the seventh yere of the raygne of the late kinge of fa- mous memo^y Edward the fourth. Sithē which parliamente y^e makynge of the sayd worstedes, saies, and stamings hath much encreased & bene mul- tiplied, in the cite of Norwiche, and in dyuers townes & places in y^e coun- tie of Norffolke. And because the townes of great Barmouth and Linne in the sayd countye ben townes corporated and the inhabitauntes of y^e same townes now dayly pratisse and vse the making and draping of the sayd clo- thes of worstedes, saies and stamings, more busely and diligently than they haue done in tymes paste, to whom it is peinefull and costly to transporte and conueighe their said clothes to the said cite of Norwiche, or to places within the sayd county of Norffolke, which ben farre distaunt from ether of the said townes to be serched and sealed by y^e wardens of the worsted weauers of the same cite of Norwiche or county according to the sayd act of parliament made the sayd vii. yere of kinge Edward the fourth. It is therfore ordeined, established and enacted, by the king our soueraigne lord, and by the lordes spiritual and temporall & the commons in this presente parliament and by auctorite of the same, that the craftes men called wor- sted weauers inhabited in the sayde towne of greate Barmouth shall haue power and auctorite by this present acte fro henceforth to elect and chose perely for ever in the munday next after the feaste of pentecost one honest man of y^e same misterie and occupacion being an househoulder within the sayd towne of greate Barmouth & hauing of his propre goodes and cattells to the value of .x. li. at the least, or landes & tenementes to his owne vse, of the estate of freehold at the least to the clere yereley value of .xx. s. to be war- den of the same craft & misterie for the yere next ensuing, which mā so elec- ted and chose shall personally appeare before y^e mayre of the said cite of Nor- wiche, for the tyme being the monday next after the feast of Corpus Cristi- than next ensuing, than and there to be swoyne and charged by lyke othe, rōcerning the trew and substantial making of y^e said clothes within y^e said towne of greate Barmouth, as y^e foure wardens of y^e saide cite of Norwiche, by vertue of the sayd acte of parliament made in y^e said vii. yere of king Edward the iiii. bene charged and swoyne for the same cite of Norwiche. And if y^e said maire happē to be absent y^e said monday after Corpus Christi or els

or els than refuseth to receiue or take the said othe: than the said warden so elect. within foure daies next after the same munday shall come before the bayliffes of the said towne of great yarmouth for the tyme being, or before one of them, the other being absent: & than and their receiue a corporal othe for the tyme exercising of the same office of wardenship, after the tenour of the othe accustomedly vsed to be geuen to y^e said wardens of the said citie of Norwich. And tha^t y^e said wardē of the said towne of great yarmouth for that tyme being, so electe & swozne may ordeine & apoynt a seale with this letter. B. to be graue in the same seale, and maye haue full power and auctorite to view, serche, cease, & seale in lead with the same seale, so to be appoynted & engraue & none other, all worstedes, saies & stamins within the sayd towne of yarmouth, & suburbes of the same, made or to bee made & not els where, in as large & ample maner, as the sayd wardē of the said citie of Norwich, & wardens of y^e said countie of Norff. or any of the hath or haue within the sayd citie, or countie, or in any wise may doe in that behalf, by auctoritee or vertue of the before remembred act, made in the sayd vii. yere of king Edward the fourth, any thing in the same act cōtained to y^e cōtrary notwithstanding. ¶ And that no person inhabited within y^e said towne of great yarmouth, or suburbes therof weaue any worstedes saies or stamins within the same towne, exepte he be an English mā bozne and haue bē apprentise to the sayd occupaciō, and without he weaue ther suche proper marke as shalbe limited and appoynted by the saide warden of the said towne, for the time being, elect and swozne, as is afore said vpon peine of forsaiture therof to the king our soueraigne lord: And that euery warden of y^e said towne shal limite distincte and seuerall markes to euery of the said worstede weauers of y^e same towne of great yarmouth, & y^e same markes by the said warden to be registred in aboke.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayd, that if and whatsoeuer hereafter y^e said towne of Linne shalbe inhabited with ten sondri householders, or more number of householders, exercising & vsing y^e sayde crafte or misterie of worsted weauers, thaⁿ and from thensforth, that is to saye as long as the same towne of Linne shalbe inhabited with the number of tē such householders at the least, it shalbe lefull to the same inhabitantes of the sayd towne of Linne yere in the munday next after the feast of Pentecost, to electe and choose of them selfe one warden of the sayd crafte and misterie of worstede weauers, to be of the value in landes & goodes as is before saide of the warden of yarmouth: which warden so electe shal yere ly be swozne and charged at the sayd citie of Norwich, in lyke maner and at lyke daye, as is before limited to the wardens of yarmouth. Or in defaulte of the sayde mayre of Norwich than the sayde warden so to be electe for y^e sayd towne of Linne to take a corporal othe before the maire of y^e said towne of Lynne, within suche tyme, and after suche fourme, as is before limited vnto the warden of yarmouth. ¶ And that the sayd warden of the sayd towne of Linne or y^e tyme being, so electe and swozne, by him selfe

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may ordeine & apoint a seale, with this letter. L. to be grauen in the same seale, and may haue full power & auctorite to biewe, serche, cease, and seale in lead with the same seale, so to be engraue, and with none other, all worstedes, saies, and stamins, within the sayde towne of Linne, and suburges of the same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner as the sayd warden of the Citie of Norwiche, and Wardens of the sayde county of Norff. or any of them hath or haue within the sayd City of county, or otherwise may do by auctorite or vertue of the before remembred act, made in the sayd. vij. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, any thing contained in the same act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that no person enhabited within the sayd towne of Linne, or suburges therof, make any worstedes, saies, or stamins within the same towne, except he be an Englishman bozne, and haue ben apprentise to the same occupation, & without he weaue therein such propre marke as shalbe limited and appointed by the sayd warden of the same towne of Lin, for the tyme being, vpon paine & forfaiture therof to the king our soueraigne lord: And that euery warden of the sayd towne shall limit distinct and seuerall markes to euerye of the worstede weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the sayd warden to be regestred in a booke.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that from the feast of sainte Michaell tharchangell next comming, vnto such tyme as the sayd towne of Lin shall be inhabited with the sayd number of ten householders of the sayd craft of worstede weauers, & alwaies after, whan that number of ten householders shall happen to faile, & not be inhabited in y^e said towne of Lin, the sayd wardens of the sayd city of Norwiche, & their successours, shal procure and cause one of them selues, or one of the wardens of y^e sayde craft of the sayde county of Norffolke, personally to come & be euery. xxviii. day from and after the saide feast of sainte Michaell the archangell, in and to the sayd towne of Lyn, or within sixe dayes next after euery such. xxviii. daye, and there to continue and abide by so longe tyme as hee maye serche and seale all such worstedes, saies, and stamins, made in the same towne of Lynne, as than shall be broughte to hym to be sealed, wythin the space of one hole daye. And the sayde Inhabitautes of worstede weauers, of the same towne of Lyn beyng, shall content and paye to the sayd warden of Norwiche or Norff. whiche shall so come to Linne, in the sayd. xxviii. daye or within sixe dayes nerte after the sayde. xxviii. day, for hys costes and expences, for euery tyme that he shall so come to Lynne, betwene the feastes, of sainte Michaell the archangell, and the Annunciation of our Ladye sainte Marye. iii. s. and for euerye tyme that hee shall so come to the sayde towne of Linne betwene the feast of the Annunciation of our Lady, & the feast of sainte Michaell the archangell. ii. s. And if the sayd inhabitautes of worstede weauers of the sayd towne of Lin, do not content and pay to the sayd warden comminge to Lyn, in forme aforesayd, for the sayde costes and charges, the sayde. iii. s. or. ii. s. as is aboue lymptted, than the same

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inhabitauntes shall forsaite and paye to the sayde warden, or to his executors, for every such default of payment xl.s: And if none of the sayd wardens of Norwich and Northfolke, come to the sayd towne of Linne, for þe cause aforesayd, in maner and forme aboue remembred: than the said wardens of the said cittie of Norwich shal forsaite and pay to the sayd inhabitauntes of Linne, of the said misterie of worstede weauers, for every such default xl.s. For recompence of which penalty and forsaites the sayd wardens of Norwich or Norff, being therunto entitled by this present act, by his proper name with this addicion. That is to say: Vnius gardianorum, or nuper vnus gardianoru artis siue misterie textorum panni lanei vocat. V Vorstedes in ciuitate Norwich, vel comit. Norffolke, as þe truth requyrez, shal and may haue action of Det by writ, bill, or plaintee in any competent or lawfull court of this realme against the saide inhabitauntes of Linne, of the sayde misterie for the time being by theyr sondry proper names. And the sayde inhabitauntes by theyr sayd names, wyth this addicio Textorum panni lanei voc. V Vorstedes, inhabitantes ville de Linne, shal and maye haue like actions of dette against the sayd wardeins of Norwich, by the name of Gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorum voc. V Vorstedes infra ciuitatem Norwy. com. Norff. To be vsed in good congruities of laten, and fourme of the lawes of this realme. In which actions, or any of them, none essoine, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe suffered or allowed. And that the particuler bodys or goods of any of the sayd wardeines or inhabitauntes, beinge condemned in any of the sayde actions, shal and maye be put in execution, after suche manner and forme as is vsed in actions of Debt, by course of the common lawe of this Realme.

And mozeouer be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that al clothes of worstedes, saies, and stamins, made or to bee made within any of the sayde townes of Lyn & great Barmouth, or suburges of the same, or any of the, & marked with such markes as shalbe limited to the makers, by þe sayde wardens of the sayde towne in maner and forme abouesayd: & weaved & sealed by any of the wardens of the sayde townes of Lyn and Barmouth in forme aboue remembred: by force and vertue of this present act maye be lawfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, withoute any other marking or sealinge vpon the sayde clothes, or vpon any of them to be had or made by any other wardens, dwelling or abiding without the sayd towne, and without any arrest, seisure, or forfaiture to be had or made of or vpon any of the sayde clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes, anye thinge conteined in the sayde former acte, made in the sayde seuenth yere of kinge Edward the forth, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And ouer this be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that every craftsman of the said misterie & occupation of worstede making, dwelling within any of the sayd townes of Lin & great Barmouth, and suburges of the same at their owne free wylls and lyberties from hēceforth for ever, may haue & take apprentice or apprentyes (beynge male) of the age of .xiii. yeres and

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and by warde, and beyng the kinges naturall subiectes, for the terme of. viij. yeres and not vnder, so that none of them excede the numbꝛe of two at once to lerne, vse, and exercise the sayd crafte within either of the sayd towne of Lyn & great Barmouth or suburbes of the same: All be it the father of the same appꝛentises or appꝛentise, may not expende in any landes & tenemētꝛs to the yerely value of xx. s. any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made notwithstandinge.

Provided alway, that this present act nor any thing therein conteyned, be not in any wise hurtefull or pꝛejudiciall to the mayꝛe of Norwiche, or to his successours, or to the wardens of the sayd Citty and county, or to their successours, in any point article, power, or auctorite, other thā for wevinge serching & sealinge of worstedes, saies & stamings made or to be made only within the sayd towne of Linne & Barmouth or suburbes of the same, or to any of the. And for limittinge of markes to the maker of worsteds, saies and stamings, only enhabited in either of the sayd towne or suburbes thereof & taking of appꝛentises, in fourme aboue remēbꝛed: but that y^e sayd maire of the sayd citty of Norwiche, & wardens of the said citty and county, and euery of them may haue and vse all other pōinctes, articles, powers, & auctorities conteyned and specified in the aboue remembꝛed acte, made in the sayd, vij. yere of kinge Edward the iiii. as well for y^e serche, sealyng, correction and reformation of the sayd wardens newly to bee elect by vertue of this present acte, and euery of them, accordyng and after such forme as they may do or vse, any of the sayd wardens of the sayd citty or county, by force of the sayd acte, made in the sayd. vij. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, as all and euerye other inquiries, corrections, serches, sealynges, & reformations to be had, for the true makinge of worstedes, saies, and stamings, in and vpon any person or persons, as well within the sayd towne of Linne and Barmouth as without, without trouble, lette, or veratiō of any of the inhabitauntes of the sayd towne, in as large and ample wise as they might haue done befoꝛe the makinge of this present act: any thing cōteined in the same present act to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And also prouided and be it enacted, by the auctorite aforesayde, that the sayd crafts men of worstede weauers inhabited or hereafter to be inhabited within either of the said towne of Linne & Barmouth, or suburbes of the same, and the marchauntes or any other person or persons, whiche shall happen to bye of the same crafts men or any of them, or of any other person, any of the sayd clothes of worstedes, stamings, or saies, made or to be made within either of the sayd towne of Lin and Barmouth, and sealed by the sayd wardens of the same towne to be elect and swoꝛne as is aforesayde, and any of them, shall not shere, die, or put in colour, or calendꝛe, any worstedes, stamings, or saies, made or to be made within either of the sayde towne of Lin & Barmouth, or suburbes of the same, in any other place or places, but onely within the sayd citty of Norwiche, or suburbes of the same vpon peine of forfaiture of euery peece of worstede, saies, or stamings to be
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made wythin any of the said towne of Lyn and Barmouth, or suburbs of the same, or the value thereof, shorne, died, coloured, or calendred by anye of the sayde craftes men, biers, or marchautes in any other place or places than in the sayd city of Norwiche or suburbs of the same: the one half thereof to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other half thereof to such person or persons as shal cease the same: so that the saide worsteds brought to the sayd city of Norwiche to be shorne, died, coloured, & calendred, wythout couin or craft of any of the sayd inhabitautes & marchautes, may be shorne, died, coloured, and calendred at and by as conuenient price or prices and in as redy wise as the sayd inhabitautes of either of y^e sayd towne of Lyn and Barmouth, & marchantes biers of the sayd worstedes, or other of the sayd cite or county hath had in times past, or hereafter shall haue.

And also that the inhabitautes and marchautes & euery of them, so bringinge their sayd worstedes to y^e same city for to be shorne, died, colored & calendred, be reasonably & lawfully entreated according to y^e said act made in the sayd. vij. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, & the ordinances made & affirmed, or hereafter to be made & affirmed for the sayd mistery, without let or disturbaunce, contrary to the same acte or ordinance in that behalfe.

And be it enacted by the auctoryty aforesayd, that no person or persons any time after couey or transport into any of the parties of beyond the sea any maner of clothes of worstedes, before the same clothes be shorne, died, colored, & calendred, vpon peine of forfaiture the value thereof: the one half to the king our soueraigne lord, & thother half thereof to the party that will sue therfore, by action or plaint of debt in any of the kynges courtes: In whiche action or suite no protection or esoyne shalbe allowed, nor the offender admitted to wage his lawe. This act to endure to the next parliamēt.

¶ An Act concerninge Englishmen beyng sworn to forren princes. Cap. liii.



Whereas the commons in this presēt parliamēt, that where many and diuers persons being the kinges subiectes naturally borne within this his realme, haue & drawen thē selues out of the same realme, and transported them selues with theyr wiues, children and goods, into Hollande, zeland, Barband Flaunders, and into other countries of forren princes, and there be sworn to the obeisaunce of the princes, and lordes of the countreis, where they be now inhabited, makynge their great buildings, and be contributoryes to all maner of charges, as y^e subiectes of those countreis be: & thus they mainteine as much as in thē is, the cities, boroughes, & towne of those countreis and many mo of the kinges subiectes intend to do the same, if remedy therein be not prouided: which subiects borne in England, notwithstandinge, that they this estraunge theym selues from the kynges obeysaunce, yet they occupy here in all the portes, hauens, and crekes, cities, boroughes, & towne of England, as frely and as free in custome and subsidy as the kinges subiectes do occupy, and not onely for them selfe, but also colourably for

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for other straungers, their frendes, & partiners, and also make them selues quite and exempte fro all charges within this realme, in preiudice & decay of the cities, townes & boroughes of England: and as for beyonde the sea they will obey to none auctoꝛity graūted to þe English nation, by the kynges highnes and his noble progenitours, vnder the great seale of Englaṁd and by auctoꝛity of parliamente, but they giue the selues ouer to þe protection & defence of those outwarde princes, to whom they be swoꝛn subiects And by these maner of persons much coꝛne is conueyed out of the Lande. Wherefoꝛe be it ordyned and enacted, by the kinge our soueraygne loꝛde & the loꝛdes spirituall & tempozall, & the commons in this presente parliamēt assembled & by the auctoꝛity of the same, that all and euery suche subiectes boꝛne in England, and swoꝛne to be subiectes to foꝛren princes & loꝛdes of outwarde parties, from hēcefoꝛth (as lōg as they shall so abide, & be as subiectes to foꝛren pꝛynces & loꝛdes) that from hēcefoꝛth so longe they & eueryche of them shall pay such customes, subsidy, tolle, and other impositiōs within this realme of Englande. as other straūgers of those partes wher the sayd Englishemen make their inhabitation: pay oꝛ vse to paye wꝛthin this sayd realme: And that the knowledge of all and euery suche person oꝛ persons inhabitaūtes, and swoꝛne in maner and foꝛme as is befoꝛe reherſed within the Archdukes countres, that is to say, Holand, Zeland, Brabant & Flaunders onely, shalbe had by certificat thereof made by the gouernour of the marchaunt auenturers, and the assistens there foꝛ the time being: and also foꝛ all other reamels and countrees of foꝛren pꝛynces to be certified by the kinges moſte noble imbasidours, beinge at such tyme there as they shall happen to be in the sayd countres vpon the kinges affayres, shall likewise certifie, as is befoꝛe sayd vnder their seale, into the chaūcery of our soueraigne loꝛde the king: and thereupon oute of the sayde chaūcery writtes to be made & directed vnto the customers, controllers, oꝛ other officers of the kynges custome, in euery port, hauen, oꝛ creke wꝛin thys sayde realme, to perceiue, leuy, & take all maner of such customes, subsidies, tolles, & other impositiōs, as is befoꝛe specified, of all suche goods and marchaundises, as shall belong vnto any such person oꝛ persons inhabited and swoꝛne, in maner and foꝛme aboue writte, as well in ward as out ward. Pꝛouided alway, that if hereafter it shall happen any such person oꝛ persons to retourne into the realme, & here to lary and inhabite: that than he oꝛ they shalbe restored to all such liberties and freedoms in paying of customes oꝛ subsidies and other charges, as all other Englishemen dothe vse to pay, and to haue a wꝛyt out of the chauncery foꝛ the same, this acte oꝛ any thinge therein made, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

An acte concerninge Physicians. Cap. v.

In their most humble wise sheweth vnto your highnes, your true & faithfull subiects & liege men, John Chambr̄e, Thomas Linacre, Fernandus de Victoria, your physicians, and Nicholas Halsewell,
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Joha Fraunces, and Robert yarley, and all other men of the same faculty within the city of London, and vij. miles about, that where your highnes (by your most gracious letters patentes, bearinge date at westm. the. xxiij. day of Septēbre the. x. yere of your most noble reign) for the cōmon welth of this your realme, in due exercisinge and practisinge of the faculty of phisicke and the good ministracion of medicins to be had, haue incorporat and made of vs and of our company aforesayd, one body and perpetuall cōpnyalty or fellowship of the faculty of Phisicke, and to haue perpetuall succession and cōmon seale, and to chose yereley a president of the same fellowship & commynalty to ouersee rule, and gouerne the sayd fellowship and commynalty, and all men of the same faculty, with diuers other liberties and priuileges, by your highnes to vs graunted, for the cōmon welth of this your realme, as in your sayde moste gracious letters patentes moze at large is specified and conteined, the tenour whereof foloweth in these wordes.



HENRICVS dei gratia, rex Anglia, & Francie, & dominus Hibernie. Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenierint. salutem. Cum regii officii nostri munus arbitremur ditionis nostre hominum foelicitati omni ratione consulere: id autem vel in primis fore, si improborum coratibus tempestiue occurramus, apprime necessarium duximus. improborum quaq; hominum, qui medicinam magis auaritie sue causa quam vilius bone conscientie fiducia profitebuntur, unde rudi & credule plebi plurima incommoda oriuntur, audaciam comperere. Itaq; partim bene institutarum ciuitatum in Italia, & aliis multis nationibus exemplum imitati, partim grauium virorum doctorum Ioannis Chambre, Thomae Linacre, Fernandi de Victoria medicorum nostrorum, Nicholai Halsewell, Ioannis Francisci, & Roberti Yaxley, medicorum, ac precipue reuerendissimi in Christo patris, ac domini, domini Thomae Tituli sanctae Cecilie, trans Tiberim sacrosanctae Romanae ecclesiae presbiteri cardinalis Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, & regni nostri Angliae cancellarii charissimi precibus inclinati, collegium perpetuum doctorum & grauium virorum, qui medicinam in vrbē nostrā Londino & suburbibus intraq; septem millia passuum, ab ea vrbē quaque versus publice exercere ceant, institui volumus atq; imperamus. Quibus tum sui honoris tum publice vtilitatis nomine cure, ut speramus erit, malicioforum, quorum meminimus insittam temeritatemq; tam exemplo grauitateq; sua detertere quam per leges nostras nuper editas, ac per constitutiones per idem collegium condendas punire. Quae quo facilius rite peragi possint memoratis doctoribus Ioanni Chambre, Thomae Linacre, Fernando de Victoria medicis nostris, Nicholao Halsewell, Ioanni Francisco, & Roberto Yaxley, medicis concessimus, quod ipsi omnesq; homines eiusdem facultatis de & in ciuitate praedicta sint in re & nomine vnum corpus & communitas perpetua, siue collegium perpetuum Et q̄ eadem communitas, siue collegium singulis annis in perpetuum eligere possint & facere de communitate illa aliquem prouidum virum & in facultate medicinae expertum in praesidentem eiusdem collegii siue communitatis, ad superuidendum, recognoscendum, & gubernandum pro illo anno collegium, siue communitatem praedictam. & omnes homines eiusdem facultatis & negotia eorundem. Et q̄ idem praesidens & collegium siue communitas habeant successionem perpetuam, & commune sigillum negotii dictae communitatis & praesidentis in perpetuum seruaturum Et q̄ ipsi & successores sui in perpetuum sint personae habiles & capaces ad perquirendum, & possidendum in feodio & perpetuitate terras & tenementa, redditus & alias possessiones quascuq;

Concessimus etiam eis & successoribus suis pro nobis & heredibus nostris quod ipsi & successores sui possint perquirere sibi & successoribus suis ita in dicta vrbē quam extra terras & tenementa quacunque annui valorem duodecim librar. non excedent, statuto de alienatione ad manum mortuam non obstante. Et q̄ ipsi

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ipsi per nomina presidentis collegii, seu communitalis facultatis medicine, Lond. plitari & impritari possint coram quibuscumque iudicibus in curiis & actionibus quibuscumque. Et quod predictus president & collegium siue communitas, & eorum successores congregationes licitas & honestas de se ipsis ac statuta & ordinationes, pro salubri gubernatione superusu & correctione collegii, seu communitalis predictae, & omnium hominum eandem facultatem in dicta ciuitate seu per septem miliaria in circuitu eiusdem ciuitatis exercent, secundum necessitatis exigentiam (quoties & quando opus fuerit) facere valeant licite & impune, sine impedimento nostris, heredum vel successorum nostrorum iusticiariorum, escaetorum, vice comitum, & aliorum balliuorum, vel ministrorum nostrorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque. Concessimus etiam eisdem presidenti & collegio, seu communitati & successoribus suis, quod nemo in dicta ciuitate, aut per septem miliaria in circuitu eiusdem, exerceat dictam facultatem, nisi ad hoc per dictum presidentem & communitatem, seu successores eorum, qui pro tempore fuerint, admissus sit per eiusdem presidentis & Collegii litteras sigillo suo communi sigillatas, sub poena centum solidorum pro quolibet mense, quo non admissus eandem facultatem exercuit, dimidium inde nobis & heredibus nostris, & dimidium dicto presidenti & collegio applicandum.

Præterea volumus & concedimus pro nobis & successoribus nostris (quantum in nobis est) quod per presidentem & collegium predictae communitalis pro tempore existens, & eorum successores imperpetuum quatuor singulis annis per ipsos eligantur, qui habeant superusum & scrutinium correctionem & gubernationem, omnium, & singulorum dictae ciuitatis medicorum ventium facultate medicinae in eadem ciuitate, ac aliorum medicorum forinsecorum quorumcunque facultatem illam medicine aliquo modo frequentantium & ventium infra eandem ciuitatem & suburbia eiusdem, siue intra septem miliaria in circuitu eiusdem ciuitatis, ac punitionem eorundem pro delictis suis in non bene exequendo faciendo & vtendo illa. Nec non superusum & scrutinium omni modo medicinarum & eorum receptionem per dictos medicos, seu aliquem eorum huiusmodi leges nostris pro eorum infirmitatibus curandis & sanandis, dandis imponendis, & vtendis, quotiens & quando opus fuerit pro commodo & utilitate eorundem legum nostrorum. Ita quod punitione huiusmodi medicorum ventium dictae facultate medicine, sic in praemissis delinquentium per fines, amerciamenta, & imprisonamenta corporum suorum, & per alias vias rationabiles, & congruas exequatur.

Volumus etiam & concedimus pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris (quantum in nobis est) quod nec president, nec aliquis de collegio predicto medicorum, nec successores sui, nec eorum aliquis exercens facultatem illam, quoquo modo in futurum infra ciuitatem nostram predictam, & suburbia eiusdem, seu alibi summonerentur, aut ponantur, neque eorum aliquis sommoneatur, aut ponatur in aliquibus assis, iuratis, inquestis, inquisitionibus, attinctis, & aliis recognitionibus infra dictam ciuitatem, & suburbia eiusdem imposterum coram maiore ac vicicom, seu coronatoribus dictae ciuitatis nostrae pro tempore existens, capiendum, aut per aliquem officiarium, seu ministrum suum, vel officarios siue ministros suos summonendi, licet iidem iurati, inquisitiones seu recognitiones sommoneantur super breui, vel breuibz nostris, vel heredum nostrorum de recto, sed quod dicti magistri, siue gubernatores, ac communitas facultatis antedictae & successoribus sui et eorum quilibet dictam facultatem exercentes, versus nos, heredes, et successores nostros, ac versus maiorem & vicicomites ciuitatis nostrae predictae pro tempore existente et quoscunque officarios, et ministros suos sint inde quieti, et penitus exonerati imperpetuum per praesentes.

Prouiso quod litterae nostrae, seu aliquid in eis contentum, non cedent in praedictum ciuitatis nostrae Lond. seu libertatis eiusdem. Et hoc absque fine seu feodo pro praemissis, seu sigillatione praesentium nobis faciendam, soluendam, vel aliquantulum reddendam, aliquo statuto, ordinatione, vel actu in contrariam ante haec tempora facto, edito, ordinato seu prouiso in aliquo non obstante. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, xxiii. die Septembris. Anno regni nostri decimo. Per ipsum regem et de data predicta auctoritate Parliamenti.



And for so much that the makynge of the sayd corporatiō is meritorious & very good for the cōmon welth of this your realme, it is therefore expedient and necessary to provide, that no person of the sayde politike body and comminaltye aforesayde, be suffered to exercise and practise Physicke, but only those persons that be profounde, sad, & discret, groundly learned and deeply studied in Physicke.

In consideration wherof, and for the further aucthorisinge of y^e same letters patentes, and also enlargyng of further articles for the sayd common wealth to be had & made: Pleaseth it your highnes with y^e assente of your lordes spirituall and tempozal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, to enacte, ordaine and establish that the sayde corporacion of the sayd comminaltie and felowship of the faculty of Physicke aforesayde, and all and euery graunte, article and other thinge contained, and specified, in the said letters patentes, be approued, graunted, ratified, and confirmed in this present parliamente, and clerly aucthorised and admytted by the same good, lawfull, and available, to your sayde bodye corporat, and theyr successours for euer in as ample and large maner as maye be taken, thought, construed by the same. And that it please your highnes with the assent of your sayd lordes spirituall and tempozall and the cōmons in thys your present parliament, assembled, furtherly to enacte, ordeyne, and stablishe, that the sixe persons beforesayd, in your said most gracious letters patentes named as principalles, and first named of the sayde comminaltye and felowshippe, chosinge to them twoo moe of the sayde comminaltye from henceforwarde, be called and cleaped electes. And that the same Electes yere-ly chose one of them to be president of the sayd comminaltye, and as ofte as any of the roumes and places of the same Electes shal fortune to be voyde by death or other wyse, than the superuysours of the same Electes (withi[n] xxx. or xl. dayes nexte after the death of theym or anye of theym) shal chose, name, and admitte one or moe, as neede shal require, of the most conning, and experte men, of and in the sayde faculty in London, to supply the saide roume and numbze of eight persons. So that he or they that shalbe so chosen, be first by the sayd superuysors straitly examined, after a forme deuised by the sayde Electes, & also by the same superuysours approued. And where that in diocises of England out of London it is not light to finde alwaye men able sufficiently to examine (after the statute) suche as shalbe admytted to exercise Physicke in them: that it may be enacted in thys present parliament, that no person from hericeforth be suffered to exercise or practyse in Physicke throughe Englande, vntill such tyme that he be examined at London by the sayd president and thre of the sayd Electes and to haue from y^e said president or Electes letters testimonials of their approuynge and examination, except he be a graduate of Oxforde or cābridge, whiche hath accomplished all thynge for his forme without any grace.

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An act concerning the high wayes in the wilde of Kent. Ca. xi.



A humble wise besecheth your highnes your true and faithfull subiecte George Gilford squier for your body, that where there is and of tyme whereof mynd of man is not to the contrary hath bene an olde common waye or streete for cariers, and all other passages and businesse for you and your progenitours and you and their people in the hundred of Cranebroke, in the wilde of your county of Kente, leading and extending betwene and amonge the lades of the maner of hempstede of the sayd George in the sayde hundred of Cranebroke, fro the hydge called hempstede bridge deviding the sayd hundred of Cranebroke and the hundred of Roluinden in the same weld of your sayd county to a crosse called Totenden crosse standinge nigh to a greete Oke, named Hempstede oke which is in length vpon a hundred foure score and ten perches: which common way so vled is in diuers places thereof ryght deepe annoyous for the passage of your people, and also is not so directely leading betwene the sayd hydge and crosse, neither so comodious for your people as an other way of lyke bredth in other places within and ouer the landes of the sayd maner mought be made.

In consideracion wherof, it maye please your highnesse of your blessed disposicion with the assente of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled and by the auctorite of the same to enacte or dayne that it shalbe lesull to your sayde besecher his heires and assignes, owners of the sayde maner of Hempstede, at his and their propre costes & charges at any time on this side þ. xxvii. day of May which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. xxvii. by the ouersight and assent of two Justices of peace of the said county of Kente and .xii. other discrete men, inhabitauntes within the sayde hundredes of Cranebroke & Roluinden, to assigne, limite and laye ouer and throughe the landes of the sayde manour one other way, for cariages & passages of your grace and of your people and your and their heires and successours, of as great largenesse in bredeth or larger than the sayd olde waye now being is, and as comodious for the sayd cariages and passages, as the same waye now being is or better extending and leading dyrectly betwene the sayde hydge and crosse, so that your grace and your people by the sayd new way so to be assigned and layed out, shall haue the more easye cariage, and passage, than is or of late tyme hath bene by the sayd olde waye. And that after the sayde new way so layde out and assigned the sayde cariages, passages and other businesse there may be as liberally, commonly, and freely from thens forth there vled and had for euer, and euery other thinge there exercised & kept, as before this tyme hath bene had and vled, exercised and kept in the sayd olde waye with out let or interruption of the sayd George his heyres or his assignes, or any other personne which hereafter shall haue. holde, or possede þ. said maner. And that immediately after that the sayde new way

(as is beforesayd) to be assigned and limited shalbe as is abovesayd layed out and fully made, it shall be lefull to your sayde besecher, his heires, and assignes owners of the said manour to enclose the said old way and eueri party therof: And that fro hensforth to holde in seueralty to them, and to their heires and assignes to their owne vse and profit for euer as parcel of the said manour, without any commō way or passage ther fro thensforth to be had or claimed any prescripciō or vse to the contraty heretofore had not withstanding.

And in consideracion that many other common waies in the said weld of Kent be so depe and noyous by wearing and course of water and other occasions that people can not haue their cariages or passaggs by horses vpon or by the same: But to their great peines, peril, and ieoperdye: it may be by the sayd auctoritie enacted and established, that if any other persō or persons any tyme hereafter in any place within the sayd weld of your said countye, of his good mynd and disposicion, without any value of good by him or them to be receiued for y same, will for the common weale of your people assigne and lay out a more commodious way in and ouer the lādes ther vnto adioyninge wherof the person or other to his vse shalbe ceased of fee in estate of inheritaunce that the same new way so to be assigned and layd out, by ouersight and assent of two Iustices of peace of y said countye, and. xii. other discrete mē inhabitinge within the hundred, where any suche new way shalbe limited & layde out, or inhabiting within the same hundred and other hundreds to that hundred nexte adioyninge shall be fro thensforth, holden, occupied, and vsed in lyke maner as the olde waye ther now is or befoze hath bene

And that also the same person or persons, so disposed, willynge, and accomplisshynge the same, shall and may for the saide new waye so assygned and vsed, retaine and holde in way of recompence for the same new way so to be geuen, y soyle and grounde of y olde way in seueralty as is aboue sayd, to him or them and to their heires for euer, in lyke maner as is aboue sayd of the sayd new waye to be assigned at Hempstede. And that y sayde two Iustices of peace, & xii. other discrete persons by whose ouersight and assent, the sayde new waye at Hempstede, or any other waye by vertue of this acte shall be hereafter assigned, limited and layde out, shal within thre monethes next after the assignement limitacion, & laying out of the same make certificate into the kinges most honorable courte of Chauncery vnder their seales, of the length and bredeth of the same new way or strete & of other thinges adioyning or concerning the same as by their discrecions shalbe thought most expedient or requisite for y cōmon welth of that countre to be certified: And that certificat to be made fro time to time as often as any suche new waye or strete shalbe assigned, limited, and laied out in forme aboue witten.

Provided alway that if any person, or persons, or bodye politike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shall haue any churche way or other what so euer

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euery way or passage, ouer or through any maner landes adioynning to any of the sayd olde wayes or stretes, which shall be taken, and vsed by force of this acte, as seuerall soyle and free holde in recompence for any new waye to be made & layed out, in fourme aforesaid, or haue or ought to haue hereafter shall haue any landes or tenementes adioynning to the sayd olde way that they and euery of them, their heires, and successours, shall and maye haue and vse their sayd waye or wayes, out of and into the sayd new way ouer and through the land of the sayd olde waye, or strete, into or ouer the sayd lande or tenement adioynning to the same, & so to passe and repasse as shal appertaine ouer the same olde waye at such conuenient place or places thereof, as therefore shalbe limited and assigned by the sayd two Iustices of peace and other. xii. men, and by them to be certified into the chaunterie among other thinges by the to be certified in fourme aforesaide: any thing in this acce aboue wrytten notwithstanding.

An acte concerning shoting in crosbowes and hand gonnes. Cap. vii.



It enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, by the assent of his lordes spiritual and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled & by auctoritie of the same, that euery person and persons hauing landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, annuities, or other perely profites in his owne right or in his wiues to the perely value of one hundred poundes, from henceforth may lawfully vse and shote in crosbowes and hand gonnes, and in euery of them, & retayne and kepe the same: Any thing contained in the acte made at a parliament holden at westminster, in the sixt yere of the reygne of our soueraigne lord, for reformation of shoting in crosbowes and hand gonnes, and for keeping of the same notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that al licences grauntes, and placardes made by our sayde soueraigne lord to any person or persons, before the. xx. day of August in the. xv. yere of his reygne for shoting in crosbowes or hand gonnes, or for keepynge of the same, or any of them, shalbe from the feast of saint Michael the archangel next commynge utterly voyd and of none effecte.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde that euery person, not hauing in vse or possession, landes, tenementes, fees, annuities, or other perely profites, to the perely value of. C. poundes (as aforesayde) offending contrary to the sayd acte, made in the sayd. vi. yere, shall forfait for euery tyme that he shal so offende, but onely. xli. s. and the crosbowes & hand gonnes to be had recovered, sealed, & leuied according to y sayd former act any thing contained in the sayd former acte of or for any greater penalti notwithstanding. And that it shalbe lesul to all Iustices of peace in their sessions and stewardes & bailiffes, in their leetes, to enquire of euery person, & persones
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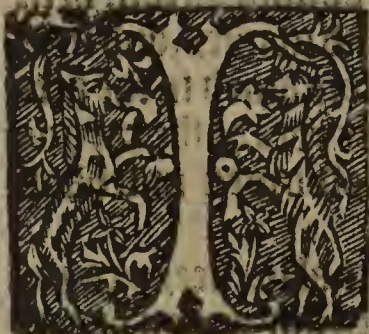
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other than be provided for by this present acte, offending contrary to the said former acte, of or for any great penalty notwithstanding.

¶ And that it shall be lefull to all iustices of peate in their sessions, and stewardes and bailiffes in their leetes to enquire of euery person & persons other than be provided for by this present acte, offendinge contrary to the sayd former act: & that vpon all presentmentes had before iustices of peace in their sessions, proseses shall be made for leuynge of the sayde. xl. s. to the kinges vse, in such fourme and in lyke maner as is made by endifemets of riottes, and vpon euery presentmente had in any leetes the lord and owners of the leetes to leuie and haue the sayd penalty of. xl. s. by way of distrelle, accion of dette, or otherwise in the which the offender shall not be admitted to wage his law, ne any essoyne or protection to be allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that no lordes or owners of leetes beare or mayntaine any of their ternautes or seruautes within the iurisdiction of their leetes to do or offend contrary to the sayd former act, vpon paine to forfait for euery time so doing. xl. s. the one halfe therof to y king our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to the parti that will sue for the same by accion of dette, by l. plaint or informacion, in which sute no wager of law ne essoyne or protection shall be allowed or admitted. The olde act in al other popntes, not otherwise provided for in this acte, to be of force and effecte.

¶ An act concerning the six clerkes of the Chauncery to be married. Cap. viii.



A most humble wise besecheth your trew & faithful subiectes & dayly seruautes the six clerkes of your high courte of Chauncerie, that wheras of olde tyme accustomed hath bene vsed in y said court y al maner clerkes and ministers of y same courte wytyng to y great scale, shold be vnmariéd except only the clerke of the crowne: so that as wel y coursetoures & other clerkes, as the six clerkes of y said Chauncerie wear by the same custome estrained from mariage, wherby all those that contrarie to the same dyd mary, were no longer suffered to write in the said Chauncery not onely to their great hinderance, losing therby the benefite of their longe studie and tedious laboures and peines in youthe, takine in the sayd court, but also to the great decaye of the trew course of the sayd court.

¶ And for as muche as the sayde custome taketh no place nor vsage, but onely in the office of the sayde six clerkes but that it is permitted and suffered for maintenance of the sayd courte, that as wel the said coursetoures as the other clerkes afore said, may and doe take wiues and mary at their lybertie after the lawes of holy churche, and of longe tyme haue so done, without interruption or lett of any person: It may therefore please your highness of your most abundant grace, with the assent of the lordes spiri-
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tuall and tempozall and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctozitye of the same, in consideration of the premiffes, and also for that the sayd custome is not grouded vpon any law, to ordeine enacte, and establishe, that John Treuerthen, Rycharde Welles, Oliuer Leder, Johan Croke, Wyllyam Jessen, and John Lemsey, now beynge in the office of the sixe clerkes of the Chauncery, & euery of them, and all other whiche in time to come shalbe in the same office, & euery of them, may and do take wiues & mary at their liberty, after the laws of holy churche.

And that they and euery of them so maryed maye haue, holde, and enioye, their sayd office of sixe clerkes in as ample, large, and like manner, as they did or should do before the sayd espouselles, or as if they had neuer ben married, the sayd custome or any other custome or ordinaunce heretofore had or made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provided alwaye, that by any thinge in this acte contained the maister of the Rolles (for the time being) be not prejudiced either in the geuing and disposicion of the sayde offices from time to time, as hath beene heretofore accustomed, the forfaiture of that office by reason of mariage onely excepte. And that the sayd officers, which now be & hereafter shalbe, do geue such attendance vnto the sayd maister of the Rolles for the time being, as heretofore in the sayd offices hath bene accustomed.

CAn act cōcerninge the liberty of Cordwainers or Shoomakers. Cap. ix.



Knowen the commons in this presente parliament assembled, that where in the parliament holden at Westmin. in the fourth yere of the reigne of the excellēt prince of famous memory Edward the. iiii. late kinge of Englande your noble graunfather, among other things it was ordeined, establisshed, and enacted, that no person cordwainer of the city of London, or within thre myles next about the same, vpon any sonday of the yeaer, in the feastes of the Nativity or Ascencion of our lord, or Corpus Christi, should sell, commaund or make to be solde any showes, bootes, or galeges, or vpon any of the sayd sondaies or feastes, should put vpon the foote or legges of any person or persons any showes, bootes, or galeges, vpon peine to forfeite and lose twenty shillyn- ges sterlinge, as often and whansoeuer any person shoulde doe contrary to the sayd ordinaunce, or any parcell thereof.

And where by the same estatute it is ordeyned and prouyded, that the same acte should not extende to the Domage or prejudice, nor any manner be hurtfull or prejudiciall to the Deane and Chapter (for the time beinge) of the free chapell of the kynge, of Saint Martins le graunde of London nor to any person or persons, Dwellinge, Abidinge, or Beinge within any place or places in saint Martyns lane in London, or wythin any place or places within the precincte, see, or fraunchyse, of the sayde Deane, or of the

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sayde Deane and chapter. Wherefore to the honour of almighty god, and to the intent that the kinges subiectes may be hereafter at their liberty, as well as the sayd inhabitauntes within the liberties and precinct of the said saint Martines the graund, be it enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliament, that the sayd estatute, made in the parliament holden at westminster in the sayd fourth yere of the reigne of kinge Edward the fourth, stande and be from henceforth viterly voyde and of none effect.

An act conceninge the huntinge of the Hare. Cap. x.

WHEREAS as muche as our soueraigne lord the kynge, and other noble men of this realme of Englande, before this time hath used and exercised the game of huntinge of the Hare, for their dysporte and pleasure, whiche game is now decayed and almooste viterly destroyed, for that that diuers persons in diuers parties of this Realme, by reason of the trasinge in snow, haue killed and destroyed, and dayly do kill and dystroy the same Hares, by .x. xij. or .xviij. vpon a daye, to the dyspleasure of our said soueraigne lord & kinge & to other noble men of this his realme wherefore be it enacted by our said soueraigne lord, by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente Parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same: that no person or personnes of what estate degree, or condicion they be, from henceforth trace, dystroye, and kill no Hare in snow with any dogge, bytche, nor other wyse. And that the Justice of the peace within every shire, at every sessions of the peace, and stewardes of leetes shall haue full auctorite and power to enquire of such offenders. And after such inquisitions found, the said Justices of the peace & stewardes of leetes for every Hare so killed, shall lease vpon every such offender, .viij. s. viij. d. to be forfaited to our said soueraigne lord, that shall be so founden by the Justices of peace in their sessions, & the forfeiture found in every leete to be to the lord of the leete.

An acte concerninge clothes, called Welles, made in the county of Suffolke. Cap. xi.



HUMBLY shewen vnto your highnes your true subiectes & clothiers of your County of Suffolke, that where in y^e sixte yere of your most noble reigne, it was & is enacted amonges other thinges, conceninge making of cloth, y^e any person or persons shall not put any cloth to sale, which when it is full wet, shall shrinke more than one yarde in length, & one quarter of a yarde in bredth, for y^e more part therof: and clothes called narrowes or straits after the rate, vpon paine to forfait for every cloth otherwise put to sale, .viij. s. viij. d. & beside to deduct of his price for y^e same, to be rebated to the buyer therof as muche after the rate, as the same clothe

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cloth so other wise put to sale (beinge full wette) shalbe shronke more than one yarde of that it was in lengthe, time of the same sale, and as it shall (beinge wette) lacke of the bread of one yarde & thre quarters of a yarde. And in the same act was and is a prouiso made, after the forme folowing.

Prorouided alwaie, that this acte extende not to wollen clothes, called kendalles, nor clothes called carpenell whytes, commonly made for lynning of hosen, nor to any clothes called Tostockes, made in the countye of Devonshyre, nor to any wollen clothes made in the countye of Cornewall, nor for any Cottons or plaine lininge or frise, made or to bee made in wales, Lancasthyre, and Cheshyre, or any of them.

So it is moste gracious soueraigne lord, that Wesses, otherwise called Set clothes of diuers colours, be made in your sayde countye of Suffolke which be made to be worne, and be worne in farre countreis, & not in Englande, and be of small prices not aboue xl. s. a clothe, that doe not holde the length nor breadth whan they be wet, which the byers do know wel whā they bie them, so that therin is no deceite. which clothes in the thirde yeare of the reigne of your most noble father kinge Henry the seuenth, were prouided for, so that they might lawfully be solde without any penalty or forfayture, though they lacked in length or breadth whan they were full wet and so they haue vsed to do time out of minde.

And in the prouiso made in the sayde acte of the sixte yeare of youre moste noble reygne they were forgotten & not prouided for, which should be to vtter impoueryshinges of the clothiers of your sayde countye, and all other that be wrought by reason of clothe makinge wythin the sayde countye of Suffolke, if no remedy should be therfore prouided.

Wherefore your humble subiectes humbly beseech your highnes, that it be enacted by all the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and all the commons in this present Parliament assembled, with your most royall assente to the same: that all clothes called Wesses, otherwise called Sette clothes, what colour so euer they be of, not beyng above the value of xl. s. a clothe, shall not be forfayt, for that they lacke in length & breadth whan they be full wet after the sale of them afoze this time made or hereafter be made. The sayd act made in the sixte yere of your most noble reigne, or any other acte heretofore made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

An act concerning coiners, that shall coine and make any money at any mint within this realme of Englande. Ca. xij.

It is enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same: that all suche coiners, as shall coine and make any money at any mint within this Realme of Englande, shall make and coine of euery hundred poundes wooythe of Goolde, that they shall strycke into coine.

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xx.li. in the coyne of halfe angelles, commonly called peeces of golde of .xl. d. And of euery hundred poundes worthe of Bullyon, Plate, or Siluer, that they shall strike into coyne, as many grotes as shall amount to the summe of fifty poundes sterlinge: as many halfe grotes called pence of two pence, as shall amount to the summe of .xx.li. sterlinge: as many pence as shall amount to the summe of .xx.li. as many halfe pence as shall amount to the summe of ten markes sterling and as many farthings as amount to the summe of five markes sterlinge. And that at any time that any coyner, in any minte within this realme, shall doe contrarye to thys acte, the maister and keper of that minte, for the time beinge, shall forsayte and lose .x.li. The one moity thereof to be to the king our soueraygne lord, & other moity to the party that shall sue for the same, by bill, information, action of Debre, or otherwise: wherein the sayd maister shall not be admitted to do his law, & no protection ne Essoyne to be allowed for the Defendant.

And for as muche as at this present time farthings and halfe pence be stricken all with one coyne, so that the common people of the realme manye times take these that be farthings for halfe pence. Be it therefore enacted by the auctozity aforesayde, that all suche farthings (that from henceforth shalbe made wythin this realme) shall haue vpon the one syde thereof the print of the port colice, and vpon the other side thereof the print of the Rose with acrosse, vpon like peine.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctozity aforesayde, that all maner persons resortinge to y^e sayd mint with any plate or bullion, vnder the value abouesayd, to be coyned, shall haue and receiue at the said mint y^e tenth parte of all such plate and bullion in halfe pence and farthings.

Provided alway, that this acte or any thinge contained in the same, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the Coyners, and minte maisters of Nozke, Duresme, and Canterbury, ne to any of them, for any money to be coyned there, other than heretofore hath bene accustomed. This acte to beginne to take effect at the feast of saint Michaell the archaungell next comynge, and not before.

An act cōcerninge the haven and porte of Southampton. Ca. xiiij.



Here in a parliament holden at westmin. the .xiiij. day of Octobze, the .xi. yere of the reigne of king Henry the. viij. amongs other it was ordeined, established, and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, wth the assent of y^e lordes spirytuall and temporall & y^e commons in the same parlamente assembled, for the reformation & remedy of the Decay of the haven and port of Southampton, had by reason of diuers weres & ingins for fysshynge, made & leuied in the same haven, betweene a certaine place called Calshare, and another place called Reedbridge, that it should be lawefull to euery man to abate, plucke, & take awaye

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away all and euery of the said werres and ingins, at all times at thair pleasure, being in the sayd haven, betwene the sayd places, called Calshare and Keedbydge, directly, without trouble, let, or veration of any man, woth diuers penalties and forfaytures to all suche persons as hereafter shoulde make or leuie any such weares or ingins, as in the same act more plainly may appere: The which act was made to endure only the space of .xx. yeres than next ensuyng, during which act the sayd werres and ingins were pulled downe, and the sayd haven greatly amended, to the succour and comfort of all the marchauntes there resortinge, the which yeres be now expired & paste, and the same act in no force by the space of .vii. yeres now passed during which .vii. yeres diuers newe werres, gores, stacks, and ingins haue bene leuied and enhaunled, by reason wherof, the sayd haven is greatly decayed againe, and likely to be lost for euer, to the kinges disherison, & hurte of the common weath of all those parties if remedy therfore be not shortly had and provided: wherfore be it now enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the same acte and euery thinge therein contained, shall be from henceforth good and effectuell accordinge to the purpoise and entent of the same, and to continue for euer.

And furthermore be it enacted, that euery owner, fermer, & occupier of the sayd werres, gores, and ingins, and euery of the same, do pulldowne and put awaye the same, at this side the feast of sainte Michaell tharchaungell next coming, without leuynge, maintaining, making, or repaynginge y same from henceforth, vppon peine of a hundred pounce, to be forfeited & leuied likewise & in like maner, as in the same former act is contained. This acte to endure for euer.

An acte concerninge suche as be in the kinges warres or
uer or vpon the sea. Cap. xliij.



He kynge our soueraygne Lorde of hys most blessed disposition well consideringe, that now he is broughte into warre of necessity with his auncient enemies, the Freche kinge and the Scottes, and hat he had and shall haue daily the humble seruice in hys sayde warres, as well of hys nobles as other hys true subiectes: of his mooste especiall grace and benigne fauour, that he beareth vnto his sayde subiectes, and for theyr more suretye and profyte, and for other reasonable considerations hym especially mouinge, by the assent of hys Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same hat he enacted, ordeined and established that euery person and persons, of what degree or condicion hee be of, that shall passe ouer the sea, or that abideth vppon the sea, or beyonde the sea, and be in the kings wages or seruice of warre at this time, or hereafter shalbe

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in any other place durynge his sayd warres in seruice of warre, that euery of them, which haue lands & tenements holden of the kinge or any other to their only vse, shall now lawfully make therof alienation, feoffements and transmutacion of possession, by dede or dedes, fine or fines, recouerie or recoueries, for the perfourmaunce of his or their will or willes, without any fine or fines, for the said alienations, feoffements, fines, recoueries, or transmutacion of possession therfore, or for any of the to be made: And that they and euery of them, their heires & assignes, & the heires & assignes of euery of them, by auctorite of this presente acte, be discharged of all & euery suche fines, without letters patentes of licence or pardō, or other discharge in that behalfe. And furthermoze be it also ordeined and enacted, by the sayd auctorite, that if any person or persons, so beinge in the sayde seruice of warre, which hold lands, tenements, or hereditaments of the kyng or of any other by knightes seruice or otherwyse, wherefore his heire or heires oughte or might be in warde, & fortune in the sayd seruice to decease beyond the sea or vpon the sea, or els where, in the seruice of the kinge in his warres against his enemies, or that any feoffement of the same landes and tenements, be supposed to be made by collusiō the heire or heires of the owner of the same lands & tenements being within age: that than the feoffees or executours of euery such person & persons so deceased, haue the warde and mariage of the heire or heires, so being within age, vntill they come to their full & lawful age. And the landes and tenementes, and other hereditaments so holden, during the nonage of euery such heire or heires to the perfourmaunce of the wil of the sayd person or persons so deceased without any accompt or sommes of money, or other thinge therfore to be yelden, payinge therout perely the rentes of the chiefe lord or lordes of the fee of the same, sauinge to euery person or persons, other then the sayde person or persons, that shal make any such alienation, feoffement, fine, or suffer recouery to be had against him, without paying therfore any fine to the kinge, or the lord or lordes (of whom the sayde landes be holden) for the same suche right, tytyle, vse, and interest, as they had before the said feoffement, alienation, fine, recouery, or transmutacion of possession, or any of them made or suffered of any such landes, tenements, or hereditamentes, wherof any such feoffement, fine, recouery or alienation so shall be made. Provided alwayes, that this act extend not to any capitaine or capitaines, souldiour or souldiours, that now be or hereafter shall be retygned wythin the towneries of Calis, Hammes, Guines, Riselbanke, Berwike, Wales, or any of them, or marches of the same. Excepte they or any of them procede in army royall againste the kynges enemyes.

God saue the king.

